



APPROVED

LOWER ISLAND SOCCER ASSOCIATION PRESIDENTS MEETING

January 16th, 2018
Juan de Fuca Library
Boardroom

Attending from the Clubs:

Bays United FC	<i>Howard McElderry</i>	Gorge	<i>Brad Hlasny</i>
Juan de Fuca	<i>Dave Johnson</i>	Lakehill	<i>Jeremy Mannall-Fretwell</i>
Peninsula	<i>Mike Synnuck</i>	Prospect Lake	<i>David Ballinger</i>
Sooke	<i>Laura Lockhart</i>	Saanich Fusion	<i>Barrie Keefe</i>

Regrets: Cowichan Valley, Salt Spring

Attending as the Board:

Tim Satterford	<i>President</i>	Linda Pakos	Director
Eric Erikson	Treasurer	Terry Hughes	Director

Regrets: Bob Nex, Scott Farquhar, Tara Kennedy, John Kilbank, Cheryl Rothnie

Other:

Karen Hood-Deshon	<i>Executive Director, LISA</i>
Andrew Latham	<i>Head Coach, LISA</i>
Darryl Hooker	<i>General Manager, Bays</i>

Recording Secretary:

Karen Thompson

Called to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 18:39hrs.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: <i>To approve the Amended Agenda by Sooke 2nd Gorge</i>	<i>Carried</i>
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2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRESIDENTS MEETING #2

Motion: <i>To approve the minutes of President's Meeting #1, August 22, 2017 by Prospect Lake, 2nd Sooke</i>	<i>Carried</i>
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3. NEW BUSINESS

TECHNICAL REPORT (AL)

- Would like to congratulate
 - Gorge for the following:
 - Standard 1 Club Charter membership

- Jamie Ackinclose being chosen Canadian Para Soccer Player of the Year
 - Prospect Lake
 - Ashley Cathro being selected to the Canadian U20 women's team
 - Saanich Fusion
 - Emily McCue being selected to join the Whitecaps Program
- Coach Certification
 - Recent Soccer for Life course had 38 LISA participants and Learn to Train had 17 participants
 - All LISA teams involved in B Cup have certified coaches as per BC Soccer requirements
 - Currently there is coaching money left over in the budget
 - Most clubs held Active Start and FUNdamental courses with the exception of Bays and Cowichan - if courses aren't run that will leave us money in the coaching certification budget
 - Discussion around sending some of the budgeted money to the clubs that sponsored coaches taking their Provincial C course (8 coaches in total)
 - She Kicks will be held at UVIC
 - Active Start and FUNdamental courses will be February 20th, 21st, 27th and 28th
 - Currently 8 girls registered, need 6 or 7 more
 - Soccer for Life course will be held in March
- VIPL subcommittee meeting will be held on January 23rd and a technical director meeting will be held January 25th
 - VIPL Assessments will be held on March 2 at Braefoot, March 9 at Lochside
 - Technical directors feel that 2 group assessments are enough before breaking players into LISA teams
- Currently technical directors are not interested in forming VIPL teams at U13
 - Want to make sure that the new VIPL structure is working as a priority
- BCSPL releases
 - When players leave the BCSPL in November, Andrew would like the opportunity to place these players onto a VIPL team that he sees them fitting into
 - When players are released in March it allows them the opportunity to be assessed for VIPL teams
 - VIPL North suggested that the VIPL rosters be smaller at the start - currently team has 18 players which is too many, other two have 16 players on their rosters
 - Lakehill recommended that Andrew be given the flexibility to place players where required, new model helps with this
- U18 Wave Boys VISL
 - On the technical side, it is the best place for team/player development
 - They will remain in the VISL only if they are in Div 1
 - Decision for the upcoming U18 Wave Boys will be made at the end of the season
 - Lakehill asked why not the U21 league
 - Level of play is not high enough, players could fall into a comfort zone instead of being challenged
 - Currently the Men's Div 1 Wave team is in 9th place
- Bays asked about the VISL youth player rules
 - Last season LISA discussed with VISL if implementing the same rule for youth players as the LIWSA was possible (2 youth per team, would just be U18, no U17 or younger players)
 - LISA doesn't vote and so the information was passed to the clubs
 - Lakehill and Gorge already have this as an internal rule within their clubs

- Saanich Fusion mentioned that because all 10 LISA clubs are involved in both the youth leagues and the VISL, as a coordinated force, they could tell the VISL that this is a rule to be implemented for a five year minimum to see if it helps the Boys U18 leagues
 - This rule saved the girls U18 league
- There would have to be a work around for some clubs who do not have a U18 team but have U18 players who want to continue playing - they would be allowed to continue into the adult league (Sooke, Salt Spring, Prospect Lake)
- Currently not many clubs have youth male players participating in their adult leagues
 - This could be a club rule much like Gorge and Lakehill are already doing, this would make it easier for smaller clubs to have youth playing in the VISL on an as appropriate basis but not tied to a max number
 - Round the table discussion was that there are currently very few youth players playing in the VISL
- 8 aside U13 discussion
 - This recommendation was brought forward a number of years ago to the clubs and not much interest in going to 8 aside – it is back now at request of a club, with LISA support
 - Playing 8 aside, more touches on the ball, better player development, avoids dominant players from becoming lazy
 - Games would be played on half a field, better than having the players spread out on such a large field
 - Fields should not be a problem as you can get two games on the same field that they would have been on if playing full field
 - Goal frames could be a problem if not using the same fields for 11aside as 8aside
 - Allows better referee development for small sided game referees
 - UISA has been playing 8 aside for two seasons
 - Coming into U14 VIPL, fielding strong teams
 - Play 8 aside for all silver/bronze teams U14 through U18
 - Round the table discussion indicated that many clubs are in favour of playing 8 aside at U13 and would like to start in the 2018/2019 season
 - Presidents are being asked to go back to their clubs to discuss at their next board meeting and LISA will reach out to clubs to see if all in favour
 - If needed, a special or additional President's Meeting could be called at any time to confirm if majority is in favour of going this way
 - Rule change, not constitutional change
 - Would like decision made prior to the start of assessments
 - This year's U12 full festival would be cancelled if decision is made before hand
 - Lakehill asked the other presidents to remind their clubs that players being called up from the U12 leagues can play at gold, silver, or bronze as the U12 leagues are blue and white, not gold and silver

ROSTER DISCREPANCIES

- Board is asking for the President's guidance on how to push forward regarding the two VIPL roster discrepancies
 - Executive Director
 - Addresses were brought into question
 - Some have said that they don't live where they said they did, some never responded or with outrage how could they possibly prove where they lived

- LISA President Satterford
 - The issue arose when LISA discovered that they were being lied to
 - We think it's a lot more systemic than this particular case
 - Two have been identified
- Saanich Fusion said that one of the rosters was theirs
 - When the addresses came into the registrar, no red flag to say that they were not correct
 - Turns out they lied
 - Going forward all Saanich Fusion registered players will have to produce 2 pieces of address ID to confirm parents' correct address
 - Would like team to finish out the season
- Other suggestions that players can continue playing, however, for every game played with illegal players, they forfeit their points and are not allowed in cup play
 - They can't win anything, can't be just about winning
- Juan de Fuca asked if these teams were going to be punished
- The LISA board will not put up with illegal rosters again
 - Next season, random detailed roster checks will be done throughout the clubs to confirm player/parental/guardian correct address
 - Team could be suspended, lose all points, not allowed in cup play
- Bays: this is fraud, have full support from Bays when following the rules
 - Consequences that the team not be allowed to win anything
 - If illegal teams' rosters are filed with BC Soccer, are they insured
 - LISA has asked this question to BC Soccer, no answer yet
 - Opposing teams playing illegal teams should be notified and encouraged to protest the game
 - Juan de Fuca suggested that a compensation transfer request should come before the player registers, not after they are caught using a false address
 - Bays, there is no compassion for lying
- Juan de Fuca reminded presidents that the same situation happened a number of years ago where a team at the end of December lost all their points and were not allowed in cup play
 - Rosters were clean for a number of seasons
 - Office took a lot of heat from parents over this decision
 - Players should be suspended
- Peninsula said that we can't encourage players/parents to cheat
- Some presidents said that it wasn't fair to just point out these two teams as other teams are doing it and getting away with it
- Part of the system is broken in that in the Gold, Silver and Bronze, clubs seem to help each other by releasing players, the new VIPL model allows flexibility but these teams are caught in the middle
- Prospect Lake said that if the rules keep being bent, then this problem will not come to a conclusion, decision needs to be hard and fast, enforce the rules, on rare instances some exceptions can be made
- Sooke okay that the players be given a warning for this season
- Bays said that there are rules and all teams must abide by those rules, illegal teams need to be dealt with, this is upsetting to Bays as Bays tries to form teams properly
- If a team protests a game with these players still playing on it, the protest will be upheld
- Regarding these two teams, the one team is at the bottom of their league, the other is at the top of their league
- Saanich still believes that all teams must have detailed roster checks, not just the two noted teams

- Bays brought up the scenario that drivers get caught in speed traps, they don't get off because others don't get caught
- Juan de Fuca: with their new registration system parents will be asked for two pieces of ID to confirm parent/guardian addresses
- Lakehill asked if we could email the other teams in the league to say this team is illegal and if you want, feel free to protest the game
- LISA board meeting is February 13th and the cup play starts on Feb 24th
- Rules within the LISA constitution must be followed
- LISA President Satterford gave the presidents a warning that this will not happen next season - if caught, the team will be gone

Motion: *To instruct LISA to send an email to all teams regarding the rules of team selection and that if fraudulent/misinformation is provided, the team risks being declared ineligible by Bays, 2nd Juan de Fuca* *Carried*

CONSTITUTION FOR SOCIETIES ACT CHANGES

- Some minor changes to the constitution were presented
- Lakehill asked that this discussion be brought forward to a future meeting and that a committee be struck to housekeep the whole constitution
 - New constitution must be filed by the end of November as per the new provincial Societies Act
 - Lakehill, Jeremy – Juan de Fuca, Dave – Saanich Fusion, Barrie will be the committee

HIGH NUMBER OF COACH AND PARENT EJECTIONS

- Currently there have been a high number of both coach and parent ejections this season
- Presidents are reminded that although sometimes very difficult to do, team officials must make sure that their parents are being respectful to game/team officials and players
 - Hard to control spectators when the team official(s) are on one side of the field and the spectators are on the other side
- Last time there were this many coach and spectator ejections we had an emergency meeting - LISA requesting club assistance to get the message to their families that bad behaviour hurts players, teams and our league

BUDGET

- Draft 2018/2019 budget was presented for Presidents' review
 - BC Soccer will be raising player fees starting April 1st, 2018
 - Hard to forecast next season's budget as the late registration numbers are an estimate
 - For 17/18 LISA presented a \$1 increase with the intention of another \$1 increase in 18/19 - the clubs suggested and agreed to a \$2 increase for 17/18 rather than two increases back to back, so that helps with this current BC Soccer increase
 - Budget will be presented to the Presidents at the April meeting again but no planned increase to LISA fees for 18/19 season

BOUNDARY REVIEW

- Lakehill commented that the attached boundary information was a good place to start regarding boundary issues and player movement
 - Lakehill asked why there is a transfer rule
 - To protect small clubs
 - To stop clubs from stacking teams
 - Clubs who try and stack teams could find themselves in a situation where no other team wants to play them
 - Large player movement makes planning difficult

- Discussion regarding having a grey line along the boundary lines so that a player living on one side of the boundary street could play with their friend who lives on the other side of the boundary street
- It was confirmed that the address fraud prompted this document to help start discussions on boundary issues
- Majority of player movement is between Bays, Gorge, Lakehill, and Saanich
- Goodwill between these four clubs has helped build teams recently
- Bays commented they can't afford to lose players due to signing long-term turf agreements
- President Satterford reminded presidents that players being released are to come to LISA and then LISA is supposed to place them on a team that is in need of the players, not necessarily where the player would like to go
- Juan de Fuca questioned if there are too many clubs in LISA
- Lakehill, Juan de Fuca, and Tara Kennedy, LISA Board Member, will form a boundary review committee

CLUB REPORTS

- Lakehill
 - To be brought forward to another meeting, want to discuss eliminating the paper part of the online permit
 - Suggested clubs make sure their name and fields are listed on the current BCSA insurance papers
 - Lakehill Soccer Association and some of their fields were not listed
 - Asked that if clubs make a decision to relieve a coach from their coaching staff to let other clubs know so they don't make the same mistake
 - Lakehill will only schedule academy/exhibition games against other LISA/Island clubs and reputable academies that embrace the same development principles
- Gorge
 - Gorge will also only schedule academy/exhibition games against other LISA/Island clubs and reputable academies
 - Pleased that they obtained their Standard 1 Club Charter membership and very happy that Jamie was awarded the honour of Canadian Para Soccer Player of the Year
 - Registration numbers are about the same as they were last season
 - Referee development is going very well
 - VISL and LIWSA held their all-star games at Hampton Field
 - Spring Academy and Spring Leagues will be starting up shortly
 - Has 3 full field goal frames if anyone is interested
- Juan de Fuca
 - Mini in-house festival is March 17th
- Bays
 - Howard introduced Darryl Hooker to the members present as the new General Manager of Bays United
 - Bring It Indoors tournament was sold out
 - Public Health Notice that a player attending the Bring It Indoors tournament had whooping cough
- Prospect Lake
 - Mini Tournament will be held on March 3rd and 4th
 - Open to all U8 – U11 teams, please spread the word
- Gorge
 - Their mini tournament is going to be in-house only this season
 - Registrations for the spring 2018 tournament will be going up shortly

- Peninsula
 - Asked that if clubs are hosting a tournament and they have closed their fields that they let the opposing coaches know so they can potentially use their clubs' fields
 - Technical committee interviewed a number of candidates for the position of club technical director
 - Committee has decided at this time to not hire a technical director
- Saanich Fusion
 - Are hoping to have their lights up by the start of next season
- Sooke
 - Asked all presidents to remind their teams that no oranges are to be taken onto the turf field
 - Spring Academy and Spring Leagues will be starting up shortly
 - Will run for 6 weeks
 - District Cup will be held in Sooke this season and will include games on their new turf field

OTHER

- U 11 festival
 - No weekend that we can reschedule the festival for this season unless U12 festival does not happen
- LISA President Satterford attended a meeting with Victoria United and VIRSA
 - Ideas are being discussed regarding referee development within the clubs to hopefully retain more referees (mostly youth referees)

Adjourned: 8:52 Juan de Fuca

Action Items

1. VIPL committee to continue to work on finance and governance for 2018/19 IN PROGRESS
2. Clubs who have not submitted their club's Notice to Reader to do so now
3. Presidents to go back to their clubs to discuss changing the U13 leagues from full field to 8 aside and report back to LISA and other club presidents DONE
4. Lakehill asked that presidents remind their clubs that any U12 player can be permitted up to the full field leagues DONE
5. LISA to notify VIPL Girls U15 and U18 league coaches that a LISA team may be playing with illegal players DONE
6. LISA to email all team official and technical directors the rules around team selection (transferred players, releases, pooled and coach exemption) DONE
7. LISA to post the Prospect Lake Mini Tournament to the LISA website and put into the next newsletter DONE
8. LISA to include reminder regarding no food on turf fields in next newsletter DONE
9. United Soccer to continue developing a program to mentor referees IN PROGRESS

Lower Island Soccer Association



Vision: To provide leadership to the clubs in order to assist in creating a good on field soccer experience

10 clubs

- 10 clubs exist can we keep 10 clubs going for the next decade?
- Multiple teams have been found non-compliant of the LISA boundary rules but is the will of the people to allow them to continue to operate?
- Can we agree on new rules that can be followed by all and help protect all 10 clubs?

Yes!

Clubs without easy mobility



Clubs with easy mobility

- Bays
 - Gorge
 - Lakehill
 - Saanich Fusion
- Unlimited out-of-boundary players amongst each other per team

Limited to one out-of-boundary transfer from clubs without easy mobility per team

- Sooke
- Salt Spring
- Peninsula
- Cowichan
- Prospect Lake
- Juan de Fuca

Pooling

- Cowichan
- Juan de Fuca
- Peninsula
- Prospect Lake
- Salt Spring
- Sooke

May still opt for a pooling arrangement with each other

- Bays
- Gorge
- Lakehill
- Saanich Fusion

Do not need a pooling arrangements

Other things for consideration

- No longer require coaching exemptions
- Don't keep grandparent applications since people have not been honest about where they live these past few years
- Enforce out-of-boundary rules at U10 and above to prevent issues occurring at U13
 - Do we need to add proof of address?
- If we don't save 10 clubs, levels of play will become boring!